



CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

Minutes of the August 4, 2008 Meeting



Commissioners Present: Michelle Castro; Debi Davis; Fatima Fagundes; and Janean Snyder

Commissioners Absent: Marwan Fawal (unexcused)

Staff Liaison: Pam Morrison, Staff Liaison

Visitors: Patty Compton, Santa Clara Chorale; Debbie Pavao, Santa Clara Sister Cities Association; Jim Narveson, Santa Clara Players/Mission City Opera

MATTERS FOR COUNCIL ACTION – None.

1. **Call to Order and Roll Call.** The meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. by Commissioner Castro (Recording Secretary).
 - a. Introduction of New Commissioners Janean Snyder and Fatima Fagundes. Commissioners and staff warmly welcomed two new Commissioners, Commissioner Snyder and Commissioner Fagundes.
 - b. Commission Photograph taken by City Photographer. A brief recess was taken for photographs for the City calendar and website.
2. **Approval of Minutes.** Commissioner Fagundes moved to approve the minutes from the June 2, 2008 meeting. Commissioner Snyder seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
3. **Correspondence & Announcements:** Staff reviewed the correspondence received by the Commission, in particular the upcoming mandatory ethics training class. The class is scheduled for September 18, 2008 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. Commissioners unable to attend will be required to fulfill the training requirement through either online or self-study options available.
4. **New Business**
 - a. **Santa Clara Players – Request for Funding from Recent Production.** Jim Narveson, representing the Santa Clara Players, presented a funding request for the Santa Clara Player's recent production "The Constant Wife," which was budgeted in the 2007-08 fiscal year. Commissioner Davis moved to release payment of \$1,500 to the Players; Commissioner Snyder seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
 - b. **Santa Clara Chorale – Request for Funding from Recent Production.** Patty Crompton, representing the Santa Clara Chorale, presented a funding request for the Santa Clara Chorale's recent production "Ein Deutes Requiem," which was budgeted in the 2007-08 fiscal year. Commissioner Snyder moved to release payment of \$2,650 to the Chorale; Commissioner Fagundes seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

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- c. **Santa Clara Sister Cities – Request for judges for 2009 Showcase of Young Artists.** Debbie Pavao, representing Santa Clara Sister Cities Association, presented information regarding the Association's upcoming Showcase of Young Artists. The Commission has supported this program in the past by providing judges to judge the entries. This year, the Commission agreed to do the same, as well as promoting the program by sending announcements to the Commission email list.
- d. **Election of Commission Officers for Fiscal Year 2008-09.** Commissioner Castro nominated Commissioner Davis for the office of chair; Commissioner Snyder seconded the nomination and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Davis nominated Commissioner Snyder for the office of Vice Chair; Commissioner Fagundes seconded the nomination and it passed unanimously. Commissioner Davis nominated Commissioner Castro for the office of Recording Secretary; Commissioner Snyder seconded the nomination and it passed unanimously.
- e. **Next Sculpture Exhibition – Planning and Schedule.** A general sculpture exhibition is budgeted in the current fiscal year. As with previous biennial sculpture shows, this one will not have a specific theme, other than the work must be indoor only, freestanding or on a pedestal (no wall hangings), and not fragile or easily breakable. The suggested deadline for entries was October 31, 2008, which would allow the jury time to select the art in early November and have the show installed in early January 2009. A date of January 24, 2009 was suggested for the opening reception. The show will be on display through July 2009, and plans will be made at a future meeting to hold a specialty sculpture show beginning in August 2009.
- f. **Art and Wine Festival 2008 – Commission Participation at Event.** Commissioners Castro, Snyder, and Fagundes indicated they were available to staff a booth at the Art and Wine Festival. Commissioner Davis indicated she would be assisting the Sisters Cities Association during the Art & Wine Festival and would not be able to assist with the booth. Commissioner Castro offered to pick up the materials for the booth and do the setup on Saturday.
- g. **Street Dance 2009 – Selection of Date.** The first Friday in August was suggested as the date for the 2009 Street Dance. Staff will follow up to determine if the Joe Sharino Band is available on this date.

5. Unfinished Business

- a. **“Americans for the Arts” Annual Conference – Report on Commissioner Attendance.** This item was deferred to the October meeting, as Martin David was unable to attend.
- a. **Concerts in the Park 2008 – Schedule Commissioner Attendance.** The following schedule for Commissioner attendance was established for the final two concerts:

August 10 – Commissioner Snyder
August 17 – Commissioner Fagundes

Staff will also attend the two concerts to help familiarize the new commissioners with the process for the concerts.
- b. **“Art in the Air” Banner Display 2008 – Update.** Commissioner Castro noted that she has volunteers lined up to clean the banners once they are taken down in late September.
- c. **Triton Museum of Art – Report of Activities.** Commissioner Davis reported on the most recent Triton Board meeting. The midsummer art event at the Triton was very successful, with

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artist space completely sold out. The 5th annual Blues Bash fundraiser is scheduled for Sunday September 29 from noon – 5 p.m.

6. **Commissioner Reports.** Commissioners reported on cultural activities of general interest.
7. **Public Presentations.** Jim Narveson, representing Santa Clara Players and Mission City Opera, provided information about the upcoming Arts Walk event, scheduled for October 11 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
8. **Adjournment.** As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 9:15 p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 6, 2008, at 7:30 p.m. (no meeting in September).

Respectfully submitted,

Michelle Castro
Recording Secretary